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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED FOR ICE OFFICERS
TORRES AND VALCARCEL TO ESCORT RICHARD ELLIOTT TO
ANTIGUA

REF: ICE cable #271413Z JAN 06

¶1. Embassy Bridgetown grants country clearance for
ICE Officers Carlos Torres and Datza Valcarcel to
escort Richard Elliott to Antigua, February 7-8, 2006

¶2. Embassy RSO has notified Antigua authorities of the
details of the visit. Understand that further Embassy
assistance is not required. If you have any questions,
please contact Nancy Nelson at Embassy Bridgetown
Tel:(246) 436-4950, x2430 or Fax: 1 246/430-3747,
Email: NelsonNE@state.gov. For 24-hour contact please
access the embassy number and extension 2210.

¶3. Unfortunately, post's resources do not allow us the
flexibility to meet and assist visitors at the airport.
However, Customs and Immigration are visitor-friendly.
The exchange rate is approximately \$2.70 EC for \$1.00
USD. U.S. currency, traveler's checks, and credit
cards are routinely and widely accepted here.

¶4. Entry requirements: A valid U.S. passport is
required to enter Antigua. No visa is required if your
stay is under six months, including those travelers
arriving with diplomatic or official passports. For
further information, travelers may contact the Embassy
Antigua in Washington, 3216 New Mexico Avenue, NW 20016
TEL 202-362-5122 FAX 202-362-5225.

¶5. Departure tax for Antigua is \$50.00 EC or \$19.00
USD.

¶6. The following is general information pertaining to
security and health considerations throughout the
Eastern Caribbean:

SECURITY

In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-
established tourist areas is not generally recommended,
especially at night. Be vigilant when using public
telephones or ATM facilities near roadsides or quiet
areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing
expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or
carrying large amounts of cash should be avoided.
Visitors should also safeguard valuables while at the
beach. While hotels are generally safe, many visitors
have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel
burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be
locked in room safes.

HEALTH INFORMATION

In Barbados, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent, the major

health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito. Persons should therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is also a growing incidence of HIV/AIDS. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations, i.e., Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and oral polio vaccine are required when traveling to this region. It takes several weeks to become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn, and may ultimately result in sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens or sunblocks should be used for protection. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands of the Eastern Caribbean, and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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